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In re application of : **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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Serial No.: 09/986,770 : Group Art Unit: 1772

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For: **TETRAKISFLUOROALKYLBORATE SALTS AND THEIR USE AS
CONDUCTING SALTS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the above-identified application
as indicated below:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

A1 6. (Amended) The tetrakisfluoroalkylborate salts according to claim 4,
characterized in that A represents a 5- or 6-membered aromatic residue optionally
including nitrogen and/or sulfur and/or oxygen atoms, or a preferably 5- or 6-membered
cycloalkyl residue, preferably a phenyl or pyridine residue.

A2 8. (Amended) The tetrakisfluoroalkylborate salts according to claim 1,
characterized in that each of the ligands R are the same, representing (C_xF_{2x+1}) , with $x = 1$
or 2.